

MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2023

Chairman Gary Thomack called the monthly Board meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Board members: Chairman Gary Thomack, Supervisor Ken Genskow, Supervisor Dohn Laude, Treasurer Dennis Zahn and Clerk Karen Habeck.

Public included: Brian Westfahl, Bill Korth, Arlyn Tober, Vernon Kratzke, Bill Shumaker, Tammy Adams, Deanna Guetschow, Bob Loesl, and Greg and Jaime Reeck.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The Clerk read the agenda that had posted in three public places, put on the website, and published in the Marion Advertiser. The minutes were read from the December 12, 2022, monthly Board meeting. Motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Public Input: County Supervisor Arlyn Tober reported that the County had applied for funding for two bridges and resurfacing of County BE through an Infrastructure Grant; initially all three were approved and then the State came back and pulled the two bridge projects and only approved the resurface project for County BE. 80% of the cost is covered by the grant and the remaining 20% will be billed to the County....A resident reported that Mill Creek Road is being used by a person or persons to run back and forth on with a snowmobile. By State Statute and DNR ruling traveled roadways cannot be used for snowmobile traffic. They can only travel off road and must be at least 10 feet from the roadway.

Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to approve the following workers for the Feb. 21st, 2023, Spring Primary Election: Carol Korth, Patricia Luff, Sandy Schoen, Amy Jagla and Susan Zaddack. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against.

Kirt Kettenhoven has not received any quotes back for planned renovations to the interior of the large shelter in the Pella Park. Further information will be brought to the February Board meeting. It is further noted by the Board that any plans will have to be approved by the building inspector before any construction can take place.

State Statute 60.24—duties of a town board chairman....refers to board chairman being responsible for taking care of stray animals as listed and stated under Chapter 170. **Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to have all concerns about dogs off leash and/or premises in the township of Pella, be directed to the Chairman for action as needed. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. A resident stated that there are dogs off leash, off premises in their neighborhood, it was noted, **as they are not** from Town of Pella residents, those issues need to be referred to the neighboring Town Chairman for action.

Zoning: Zahn had pictures of several projects that have been completed in the township and permits had been applied for prior to building. He also noted there may be two or three new homes being built in the township this year.

Roads: Chairman Thomack will contact Town of Grant to have the north side of the hill on West Rangeline Road sanded out to County M and possibly Koepke hill, as both are very icy.

The Treasurer reported that the December bills totaled \$14,658.33, leaving a balance of \$2,504.32, as of Dec. 31, 2022 in the checking account, and \$732,420.85 in the Premier Savings Account. Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to approve the December report and pay the January bills. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. It is noted that \$504,505.54 of the total savings account amount is taxes that have been received to date.

The Board reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement, concerning E911 dispatch from the Sheriff's Department. This agreement is between the township and the County for services for 911 emergencies. **Motion was made by Genskow/Laude to approve the agreement as stated. Motion carried** by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The Clerk will forward the signed agreement to the Sheriff's Dept. for their signature.

Motion was made by Laude/Thomack to approve the purchase of a new computer for the Clerk's office. Motion carried by voice vote with three in favor, zero against. The Clerk has applied for a \$600 grant through the Wisconsin Elections Commission, which if received would cover about half of the cost of the computer.

There have been several issues brought to the attention of the Clerk; some being loud noises after dark and during the nighttime hours, snowmobiles running on the surface of town roadways, etc. The Board will review the possibility of doing a township mailing to highlight dos and don'ts. This will be reviewed at the February board meeting.

With no further business, motion was made by Genskow/Thomack to adjourn the meeting. **The next meeting will Monday, February 13th, 2023 7:00PM in the Pella Town Hall.**